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Sections of the base commissary, including this new produce department, are reopening to patrons as renovations are completed. The finished project will include a new entrance, 19 checkout counters, a new roof and a completely remodeled interior. (Photo by Steve White)

Commissary project continues, more changes in store

Renovations remain on schedule as construction enters phase II

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Construction of the renovated Randolph commissary reached a milestone Sunday when the project officially entered Phase II.

One big change is that patrons now enter the building at the new entrance.

Another is that some items are now in different aisles.

Patrick Marshall, project manager for 3D International, the company spearheading the project, said the work is on schedule. Phase VI, the final phase of the project, is due to be completed May 2006.

"Phase I involved most of the heavy external construction, and we worked at it seven days a week," he said. "The remaining phases involve many smaller elements that include more inside work, which means moving whole departments as the new areas are brought on line. We have 60 to 75 people working on the various crews every day, so we expect to stay on schedule through to completion."

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This week the administrative offices, bakery, deli and produce departments moved into their new quarters. The temporary trailer housing the administrative offices has now become the break room for commissary employees. As with any such major move, it will take a few days for people and goods to make the adjustments to their new surroundings.

Next on the schedule is demolition of several old areas, including the meat preparation area. The roof is also being replaced, one section at a time. This part of the project is very time-consuming because

the roof has to be water-tight each night so that any unexpected rain does not leak through onto the building below.

Another requirement for this kind of renovation in a food market is the temperature must be correct for the various food items in both the old and new areas. Mr. Marshall pointed out that cheeses and meats require different storage temperatures, so display cases must each be brought to their respective temperatures before the products can be relocated. In order to minimize inconvenience to patrons, this work is done at night, when the store is closed to all but the after-hours stock people.

When the project is finished, there will be 19 checkout counters, all hooked wirelessly to a central computer. This permits a variety of configurations as changes arise.

Ronald Patin, project manager for the 12th Civil Engineer Division, said the end result will be much better utilization of the space and room for more goods on the shelves.

"The patrons will be very pleased with the end product," he said.

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	Air Force	220	Undergraduate	39	T-1A	6425.3	6524.2	12,184
99th FTS	3.0	1.6	Navy	70	International	8	T-6A	9241.6	9411.3	17,290
558th FTS	10.8	3.1	International	0	EWC Course	14	T-37B	4832.6	4988.8	8,444
559th FTS	-3.7	-1.5	NIFT	23	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	5093.1	5058.6	10,204
560th FTS	1.7	1.1					T-43	2296.6	2283.5	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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The golden rule of leadership

By Chaplain (Capt.) John Hubbs
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFPN) – In most cases, what is considered legal isn't quite the same as what is considered ethical. In a Venn diagram (John Venn was a priest by the way), "legal" would be a larger area encircling the smaller area of "ethical." That which is allowed almost always includes a wider range of actions than that which is right. Ethical leadership is the message I write about.

Ethical leadership should be based on the same basic principle as ethical living in general. The most classic of all principles for living is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." But what does the golden rule look like when applied to leading others?

First, it means caring about the people I lead takes precedence over concern for my career. We often say that mission comes first and it must. Talk of the mission, however, is sometimes nothing more than rhetoric to validate demands that benefit self. A friend of mine was an annual award winning wing superstar. Because he produced results,

I thought of him as a great leader. But after he left, the senior NCOs in the unit shared with me how miserable life had been under his leadership. My friend's award packages didn't state how many retirements and separations his leadership resulted in, but those effects of his leadership were just as real as the things for which he was honored.

Leading by the golden rule also means valuing my people's ambitions as much as my own. In my days as a civilian pastor, I had a counselee who managed a local grocery store. He had begun working for the company in high school and risen to the top through dedication and hard work. He continually complained to me about the poor work ethic of his youngest employees, until one day I pointed out to him something he hadn't considered. His teenage employees had no desire to work in the store their entire lives like him. He could not expect them to be motivated as he was when their ambitions were completely different. I suggested that he explain to them how doing their best now was relevant to their future.

I have seen the same issue in the Air

Force. We sell young people initially on what the military will do for them (education benefits especially), but then expect an automatic buy-in to concepts like "needs of the Air Force" once they've enlisted.

If we ever want the second core value to be embraced (Service before self), we need to make sure our organization as a whole lives up to the first (Integrity first). A part of that is continually finding ways to motivate according to the promises someone made to them on behalf of the Air Force when they signed up.

Finally, I believe the golden rule will put a leader's concern for people over his or her need to be liked. The teachers I liked the best in high school are not the same ones I do in retrospect. Now I appreciate the ones who made me learn and demanded my best. A leader genuinely concerned for others creates a supporting environment and holds people accountable for doing their best.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Greatness, especially among leaders, always adheres to a higher standard. Ethical leaders are those who go for the gold – the golden rule.

Today's Airmen serve generations yet unborn

By Maj. Joel Fortenberry
509th Contracting Squadron commander

“Because you serve today, on the flight line or off, in a flight suit, BDUs or civilian clothes, a child whose name you may never know was born free.”

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFPN) – Leon Alton Palmer was born April 27, 1945, in Mableton, Ga., the son of Nelly and Arvel Palmer. On Aug. 17, 1968, Sgt. Leon Palmer, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, was killed in Gia Dinh Province, South Vietnam. He was 23 years old and left behind a daughter, Linda, and son, Tony.

Over 8,000 miles away on that same August Saturday, I was born in Tyler, Texas. I was born free and have

known nothing but freedom for all 36 years of my life.

On Sept. 15, 2003, Army Staff Sgt Kevin Kimmerly, of North Creek, N.Y., was killed when his vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade while on patrol in Baghdad. Later that same day, far from the chaos of Iraq, my son was born in Dayton, Ohio. He was born free and has known nothing but freedom for all 19 months of his short life.

Because you serve today,

on the flight line or off, in a flight suit, BDUs or civilian clothes, a child whose name you may never know was born free. Because you repaired a network or guided a convoy, because you stood watch at the base perimeter, because you built a base exchange facility in the desert, because you wrote the contract and repaired a runway, because you flew a mission or repaired the aircraft with unmatched skill and expertise, a child

was born free today.

What an honor and privilege we have in this Air Force and this nation to ensure freedom is the birthright to new generations of Americans. Because of you, a child was born free today in Tyler, Texas; in Dayton, Ohio; in towns all over this country. But also because of you, children were born free today in cities called Kabul and Bagram, Baghdad and Tallil.

Freedom isn't earned and its survival isn't guaranteed. Rather freedom is given to us by the grace of God and the character of those willing to sacrifice all to see it live on. Those like Leon Palmer, Kevin Kimmerly and you.

Thank you.

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Today
Lt. Col. Michael Mitchell
USAF Advanced Instrument School

Today
Master Sgt. Stephen Shortland
Air Force Personnel Center

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Randolph PAs win Air Force-level awards

Information courtesy of
Air Force Recruiting Service
and Air Force Personnel Center

Three Randolph people were recently announced as 2004 Air Force Public Affairs Achievement Awards recipients.

Lt. Col. Steve Murray, Lt. Col. Michele DeWerth and Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell earned awards for public affairs support they provided for operations overseas and at home station.

Colonel Murray, Air Force Recruiting Service director of public affairs, was named public affairs field grade officer of the year and "Best of the Best" by the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs.

He distinguished himself through his work at Randolph and while deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The "Best of the Best" award recognizes the outstanding officer, civilian or enlisted person from all nominated bandsmen, broadcasters and public affairs professionals in 2004.

While Colonel Murray has won several awards throughout his 19-year career, this is his first Air Force-level award.



Lt. Col. Steve Murray

"I was completely taken aback when my commander notified me," Colonel Murray said shaking his head. "Winning at the Air Force level is almost beyond comprehension. While these are individual awards, it's really a team effort that recognizes the talents of a lot of dedicated people."

While deployed to Baghdad, Colonel Murray was chief of current operations for Combined Joint Task Force 7. Operating out of two of Saddam Hussein's former presidential palaces, he and a team of 12 joint-service officers and NCOs were responsible for keeping CJTF-7 commanders and other key multinational general officers abreast of worldwide news highlights and coalition activities in the region.

According to the Pensacola, Fla., native, deploying was a serious undertaking and the hardest thing he's ever done.

"I knew I had the training and knowledge to complete my job while deployed, but I didn't know if I had the mental stamina to get through a situation like that," he said.

On the home front, Colonel Murray is responsible for leading seven public affairs members at AFRS headquarters and 28 public affairs NCOs stationed at recruiting squadrons across the nation.

According to Col. Bob East, AFRS vice commander, Colonel Murray and his staff have successfully carried out the AFRS mission over the past year.

"We've had a lot of issues arise, and it's been amazing to watch Steve and his staff handle all of them professionally and with the right attitude," Colonel East said.

The Air Force Personnel Center's public affairs office also earned three Air Force-level awards for public affairs excellence.

Colonel DeWerth and Sergeant Mitchell earned Air Force awards as the Outstanding Public Affairs Field Grade Officer and Senior Noncommissioned Officer for a Numbered Air Force or higher level.

The Air Force also selected the entire office as the Best Public Affairs Program in the Field Operating Agency and



Lt. Col. Michele DeWerth and Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell (Courtesy photos)

Direct Reporting Unit category.

Serving as the Air Force's acting director of public affairs for Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan, Colonel DeWerth executed a successful PA campaign in support of 20,000 international ground forces. Her 40-person joint PA team developed a variety of media events for then-Secretary of State Colin Powell, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and CFC-Afghanistan leaders.

As the chief of public affairs at AFPC, Colonel DeWerth provides trusted public affairs counsel for sensitive Air Staff-level personnel programs implementation.

Sergeant Mitchell, AFPC public affairs superintendent, directed the Air Force's most subscribed to field news service. Under his leadership, AFPC News Service realized a 90-percent increase in subscribers. The news service articles also generated national media coverage reaching audiences in the millions.

Serving the community, he arranged a free meet-and-greet session for families of deployed Airmen with the San Antonio Spurs.

The award for best public affairs program highlights the diverse, global

impact of the AFPC PA mission. For example, the staff answered 280 media and 350 public queries, conducted 52 interviews, media-trained 41 subject matter experts and provided 52 Air Force Commander's Call topics.

Providing the critical link between Air Force casualty matters and the media, AFPC public affairs initiated press releases for more than 100 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom killed-in-action or wounded-in-action casualties.

Closer to home, public affairs also distributed information for the AFPC Readiness Center's communications support mission. This effort aided six Air Force bases in the Southeast facing hurricane evacuations ensuring the safety of more than 35,000 Airmen and their families.

"This Air Force recognition is just another example of the role AFPC plays in supporting the war fighter – we're so much more than just assignments," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "The personnel business is changing and instrumental in that change is how well we communicate it. This tells us we're doing a pretty good job at it."

NEWS BRIEFS

340th FTG change of command

The 340th Flying Training Group is conducting a change of command ceremony April 29 at 10 a.m. in Hangar 4. Col. William Cahoon will relinquish command to Col. Robert Williamson. Colonel Cahoon is being reassigned as Reserve advisor to the Air Combat Command director of plans, Langley Air Force Base, Va. Colonel Williamson has been the 340th FTG deputy for operations.

100th FTS change of command

The 100th Flying Training Squadron is conducting a change of command ceremony Thursday at 2 p.m. in Hangar 4. Lt. Col. Terry Ross will pass the squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Robert Wittmann. Colonel Ross will become the

director of operations of the 340th Flying Training Group. Colonel Wittmann has been the 100th FTS operations officer.

Voicemail access password changes

In accordance with the new revision of Air Force Instruction 33-111, the personal password to access a voicemail box must be a minimum of six digits. Persons who have not changed their passwords to six digits by May 15 will be unable to access their personal voicemail box and will need to submit a Form 3215 requesting the box to be reset. For more information, call 652-7444.

Guidance on yellow wrist bands

The Lance Armstrong bracelet can not be worn with the uniform because it does not meet the criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel, according to a news release from the Air Force Personnel Center.

Spouses to teachers program

The Department of Defense has a spouses to teachers program to help qualified spouses already certified as teachers gain state certification in another state. Texas is one of six states in the program. Qualified teacher spouses can receive up to \$600 for assistance. For information, visit the Web site at <http://www.spousetoteachers.com>.



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MC-130
Eglin AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Marc Bradle
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NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



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Tinker AFB, Okla.



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JSUNT graduation set for today

Twenty-one Air Force and 20 Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker is Col. Mariano Campos, Jr., Air Force Recruiting Service chief of plans and resources.

As chief of plans and resources, he is responsible for the personnel, logistics

and plans for AFRS programs nationwide.

During his career he has served as a B-52H Electronic Warfare Officer, a B-1B Instructor Defensive Systems Officer, an instructor navigator, instructor electronic warfare officer, flight commander and squadron executive officer.

Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony for student achievement.

Upgrades retrofit T-38 with latest technology

By 1st Lt. Brooke Davis
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) – Airmen from the 416th Flight Test Squadron wrapped up flight tests on software upgrades in an ongoing T-38 Talon avionics upgrade recently.

The latest set of upgrades is the third in a series. During this series, testers performed about 18 sorties October through April, validating the new software, officials said.

Overall, the program is an integrated modernization of the T-38 cockpits to support mission-ready fighter training and converts older models to the newer C-model configuration, said 1st Lt. Lisa Gerlt, the 416th FTS program manager.

The upgrades provide a modern cockpit and navigation capability for training of bomber and fighter crews, she said.

"This process allowed corrections and improvements to be made on the system incrementally with the yearly block upgrades," she said.

This upgrade is a composite of coded instructions that are stored permanently in read-only memory and software. They include changes to the program's air vehicle production modification, new

aircrew training device deliveries and retrofits, air vehicle retrofits and upgrades to spares, said Tim Kang, a 416th FLTS project engineer.

The updated aircraft will possess more air-to-ground combat training capabilities, Mr. Kang said. It also will improve mission planning, post-flight analysis and enhance uploading and downloading mission data.

Flight testing occurred in three phases: The first preliminary test included three flights flown in October, the second included five flights flown November through December, followed by 10 developmental testing and evaluation flights flown since February, officials said.

The preliminary test phases allowed testers to collect and deliver flight data for preliminary, developmental and operational assessments, Lieutenant Gerlt said.

The PT phases of each upgrade allowed the manufacturer to make adjustments, and working this way saved time and money, she said.

Once data collected from the last series of flights is analyzed, testers will pass the upgrades to testers at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for operational test and evaluation.

Randolph re-enlistees announced

Twenty-four Randolph Airmen re-enlisted in March. The re-enlistees are:

Air Education and Training Command

Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Campos
Tech. Sgt. Walter Corbett
Tech. Sgt. David Geren
Master Sgt. Todd Greenhill
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Shadwick

Air Force Personnel Center

Staff Sgt. Daniel Cortinas
Staff Sgt. James Dickan
Tech. Sgt. Karen Findorak
Senior Master Sgt. Charles Meador
Master Sgt. Charles Mills
Master Sgt. Luis Raygoza
Master Sgt. Billy York

19th Air Force

Senior Airman Tanya Banks
Tech. Sgt. Jodi Hayes

Air Force Recruiting Service

Senior Master Sgt. Darick Carter
Tech. Sgt. Irene McGinnis
Senior Master Sgt. David Richards

12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ruth Williams

12th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Torrance Martin

563rd Flying Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jill Gilbert

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office

Staff Sgt. Christopher Barta
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Lucas
Senior Airman Ernest Winston

Det. 4 645 Materiel Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Edward Kirk

Command Day: Briefings, tours of aircraft take center stage for base students

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons are holding their semi-annual Command Day on the south ramp today.

Command Day provides an orientation to the career opportunities available for Air Force combat systems officers and naval flight officers. Aircraft from several commands that use navigators and electronic warfare officers, or as they are now identified, combat systems officers, are on static display.

The squadrons' students will tour the aircraft and attend briefings where the missions and unique capabilities of each combat system are discussed so they can make informed decisions about which aircraft they will request for their first assignment after graduation.

At press time, the aircraft scheduled to be on static display are the C-130, HC-130, P-3, EP-3, E-6, KC-135 and RC-135.

Everyone in the Randolph community is invited to tour the static displays today from 3:30 to 5 p.m.



Crowds of people lined up to see the RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft during the 2004 Command Day static display. (Photo by Steve White)

Revised AFI prohibits access to personal e-mail

Randolph library offers viable alternative with high-speed connections

By Renee Bassett
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Effective May 1, accessing commercial e-mail accounts from within the Randolph network will not be authorized.

Base communications officials are denying such access to adhere to the recently updated Air Force Instruction 33-119, Air Force Messaging.

The regulation states accessing commercial Web mail accounts and instant messaging services such as Yahoo, AOL, MSN, Road Runner and school e-mail accounts does not constitute official use of

government communication systems and is prohibited.

"Education sites are one of the weaker ones as far as security goes," said Marvin Hepworth, chief of the Network Control Center for the 12th Communications Squadron.

Air Force messaging systems, such as e-mail accounts, support the Air Force mission and are used for official or authorized use only, he said.

For people who will be tempted to use their work e-mail account for personal correspondence, Mr. Hepworth cautions, "E-mails should be used for short informational messages relating to sickness, errands or chores if not relating to business. The government considers the Internet a weapon system and by allowing users to access their personal accounts, such as opening attachments, it introduces the risk of viruses."

Commercial Internet service providers often do not render sufficient protection to mail messages that matches the protection level required by the

government, Mr. Hepworth said. Government business has to compete with unofficial, commercial services on limited circuit capacity, which in time can degrade network services. Computer viruses are known to clog the network and degrade the system, which in turn costs the Air Force time and money to repair.

The Randolph Library has a 30-station computer lab that is not connected to the military network. It offers high-speed wireless Internet access. People are welcome to come by the library during their free time to check their personal e-mail accounts, library officials said. All military, civilian and contractors with Department of Defense identification can get a library card. The library is located on the east flightline at 5th Street East and F Street.

In the updated AFI 33-119, paragraph 3.9 describes what comprises official use, authorized use and the use of subscription services on government computers. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the 12th CS NCC at 652-2015, option 3.

VIA offers commute alternative

Benefits include non-stop, economical travel with four trips a day to Randolph

By Michael Briggs
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

With city bus service to Randolph facing cancellation because of low ridership, officials at VIA Metropolitan Transit want potential passengers here to consider the benefits of public transportation.

Officials at VIA announced March 24 that bus route 638 would be eliminated in August unless an average of 35 people take the bus each day.

"Riding the bus out to Randolph Air Force Base is simple and economical, and it can help relieve some of the stress of getting to and from work," said Andy Scheidt, VIA public information coordinator.

Since 1981, VIA has operated route 638 from the Randolph Boulevard Park and Ride at I-35 and Loop 410. Buses on that route make two runs in the morning and two in the afternoon to and from the base.

The biggest advantage of taking the bus is it's economical, Mr. Scheidt said, especially with gas prices continuing to rise.

Each one-way trip on route 638 costs 80

cents, or a monthly pass costs \$20. Senior citizens receive discount passes.

"The bus travels non-stop from the park and ride to Randolph, and riders get a break from the hassle of highway traffic when they let a VIA bus operator take them to work," Mr. Scheidt said. "Riding the bus also means less wear and tear on automobiles, fewer cars on the road adding to traffic congestion and less air pollution due to VIA's use of propane and ultra-low-sulfur diesel."

Another convenience for taking the bus is the ability to bring a bicycle along using a bike rack mounted on the bus. This gives passengers the flexibility of cycling to the bus pickup point and then cycling to work from the bus stop on base.

The Randolph Boulevard Park and Ride offers connections to 10 other VIA bus routes. People interested in riding route 638 or any other VIA route can call 362-2020 for help in planning their trips. Riders can also plan their trips online by visiting www.viainfo.net and choosing the Personal Trip Planner under the Route Service section of the site.

According to VIA figures, the buses on route 638 have averaged less than 10 passengers a day in the past year, which is not enough to justify continuing the service, officials said. In operation since 1981, the route had a peak ridership average of 32 people in 1982.

Spring clean up

Environmental officials urge base residents to use car washing bays

By Bob Hieronymus
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There is an old saying that "In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of his car!"

During the springtime, it is common for people to think about taking a cruise in the car to enjoy the warm weather and wild flowers popping up along the highways. But before cruising, many people like to do some scrubbing to get rid of the winter road grime from the fenders of the family cruiser.

Before base members break out the water hose, scrubbing bubbles and washrags, there are certain base regulations people need to be aware. John Wildie, the base environmental compliance officer, had a few words of caution concerning environmental impact for

those eager car washing enthusiasts.

"Clean cars are nice," he said, "but there are good ways to get them clean and then there are great ways to protect the environment at the same time."

Some people on base wash their cars on the street and others are careful to plan double benefit of the water they use in washing their cars. They drive their cars onto a grassy area so the run off water can soak into the grass as it drains off the vehicle.

"Washing on the grass would be OK if only water is used," Mr. Wildie said. "Most people use some kind of detergent in the process, and detergents contain phosphates, along with other chemicals."

The Randolph storm sewer systems drain to either Cibolo Creek or Woman Hollering Creek, depending on the location on the base.

"All the water run off from the base makes its way

into those creeks," Mr. Wildie said. "Chemicals in the car washing detergents run off into the creeks where they can cause damage to wildlife and the water ecosystems."

There is a readily available way on base to keep cars clean and still be sensitive to the environment, and it only cost a few dollars. At the services car wash bays, the water is recycled. Wastewater from there enters the base sewer system and is then recycled by being sent off-base for treatment. The water is returned to Randolph for use in watering the Randolph Oaks golf course.

"Springtime, clean cars and respect for the environment can go together with just a little planning," Mr. Wildie said. "Use the auto washing bays and help keep the environment clean at the same time. It's a great idea."

99th Flying Training Squadron honors heritage

By Bob Hieronymus
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Four instructors from the 99th Flying Training Squadron recently flew two T-1A Jayhawk aircraft to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where they provided orientation rides to ROTC cadets from Tuskegee University.

This mission is part of an important heritage.

The story begins during the heat of World War II, when Jim Crow laws were common and segregation of the races was legal in this country. Even though the nation was at war with foreign enemies, people of African-American heritage were not allowed to serve alongside their Caucasian fellow citizens. African-Americans in uniform were permitted to serve in certain, segregated supply and support units and few were allowed to hold commissions.

Because leading African-Americans at the time insisted people of their race were just as patriotic as other Americans, the Army chief of staff agreed to set up a flight school at Tuskegee College. One requirement, however, was the aircrews



Cadets from the Tuskegee University ROTC detachment gather with the pilots of the Randolph 99th Flying Training Squadron on the Maxwell Air Force Base ramp after orientation flights in the T-1A. (Photo by Maxwell AFB Public Affairs office)

who graduated from the school would have to serve in segregated units.

Four squadrons eventually saw combat, the 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd Pursuit Squadrons (later Fighter Squadrons), and they set records that have few equals. Pilots of the four units, organized as the 332nd Fighter Group, flew more than 200 bomber escort missions and never lost a single bomber they were protecting to enemy aircraft. The group's planes were marked with a readily identifiable red flash on their tails, and even the German pilots came to fear the "Red Tails."

Today the 99th FTS marks its T-1A aircraft with a red tail flash in honor of the men who brought glory and honor to the squadron more than 60 years ago. The 100th Flying Training Squadron is responsible for the same training program as the 99th FTS, except they serve the Air Force Reserve community. The two squadrons share the same airplanes, flight scheduling, training and life support resources.

Three years ago, Gen. Donald Cook, commander of the Air Education and Training Command, directed the 99th FTS to start a flight orientation program

for ROTC cadets at Tuskegee University. The program has the twofold purpose of encouraging the ROTC cadets there to make decisions in favor of an Air Force career and to honor the unique heritage that connects the squadron with the university.

Maj. Roch LaRocca, one of the pilots on this year's mission, said he was impressed by the enthusiasm of the cadets.

"They were full of questions about the aircraft and about the Air Force," he said. "We invited each of them to take a turn in the jump seat in the cockpit as we flew local missions around Alabama. They said it was a really cool experience."

"The weather was pretty cloudy the day we were there, but we were able to fly in the afternoon," said Maj. Jeff Fagan, another of the 99th FTS pilots on the mission. "You could feel their excitement when we broke out of the clouds and were right on the flight path to the base. They were really interested to see how our flight navigation systems work. We made a good impression and had a great time sharing some of our flying stories with them."

Recruiting initiative targets health professionals

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Twenty-nine health professionals from across the nation visited San Antonio April 5-8 as part of a revamped recruiting initiative.

The initiative, the Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service Health Professional Tour, exposed prominent members of the medical and academic community to opportunities the Air Force has to offer. The tour was the first for health professionals in more than 10 years held by AFRS, and in light of the current trend of medical recruiting, AFRS officials thought it was time to hold another one.

"It's been awhile since we brought members of the community to San Antonio to show them all the wonderful things the Air Force has to offer," said Lt. Col. Cyndie Gibson, chief of medical officer accessions. "We were able to take these influential people, who otherwise might not ever be exposed to the Air Force, and show them what a great career choice this could be for their students or residents."

The tour attendees were chosen from hospital residency programs, dental colleges, nursing schools and resident placement programs from across the nation.

While in San Antonio, they had the chance to learn about Air Force benefits, including paid vacations, health care benefits and the opportunity for further education. The attendees were also given extensive tours highlighting some of the new medical technology available at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and research facilities the Air Force uses at Brooks City-Base.

"Overall, this tour was a huge success," said Lt. Col. Tom Haines, chief of officer accessions branch. "These medical professionals had no idea how much the Air Force takes care of its people in terms of health care, family welfare and education."

Surveys at the end of the tour showed that after only a few days, 97 percent of the participants thought of the Air Force very positively as a viable career choice. This was a great step considering only 24 percent thought very positively of the Air Force at the beginning of the tour, Colonel Gibson said.

According to Colonel Haines, showing these influential people what the Air Force has to offer should help health professional recruiting. These people will now be able to talk with their students about the Air Force as a potential career choice and serve as advocates for recruiters.



Senior Airman Francesco Arboleda, Aerospace Physiology, helps Maureen Marthaler buckle her seatbelt in the spatial disorientation chair. (Photo by Senior Airman Madely Waychoff)

CE offers tips to avoid being bugged by mosquitoes

By Jennifer Valentin
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With the weather getting warmer, Randolph residents are spending more time outdoors. Before inviting guests over for an afternoon barbecue, people should make sure unwanted guests are nowhere to be found.

"Randolph has recently experienced an increase in mosquito activity," said Matt Kramm, natural resources manager. "This area of Texas experiences a variety of environmental conditions that allows a favorable place for mosquitoes."

He recommended the best way to manage mosquitoes is to eliminate breeding water sites. Base residents can safely manage them on their property by using *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bti, blocks. Bti

blocks are applied directly to water, targeting only mosquitoes. Bti can be found at the base self-help center, located in Hangar 62.

Examples of standing water sources include artificial containers such as cans, bottles, flower vases, wading pools, tree holes, temporary puddles or ground water. If standing water cannot be immediately eliminated, using Bti is the best method to eliminate breeding mosquitoes.

Items such as pesticide applications are short-term and are not very effective due to the fog breaking down quickly. Also, the product has to physically contact the mosquito to offer control. The base civil engineer division recommends using Bti instead of pesticide applications.

To protect skin while outside, use of repellent products with the active ingredient "N-diethyl-3-mehtylbenzamide," called DEET is the best, said

Mr. Kramm. Repellents can be applied directly to the skin or to clothing, according to the label directions.

"Plant based repellents are generally less effective than DEET-based products," said Mr. Kramm. "Thousands of plants have been tested as potential sources of insect repellents, and none of the plant-derived chemicals tested demonstrate the effectiveness and duration of DEET."

Citronella candles can provide limited outdoor protection, usually for less than two hours. Bug "zappers" which lure and electrocute insects are considered ineffective against mosquitoes and are not recommended for base housing residents, said Mr. Kramm.

The base civil engineer division has information on getting rid of and preventing mosquitoes. They can be contacted at 652-4668.

Before going up...

Flight medicine ensures aviators are ready to fly

By Jennifer Valentin
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Before aviators step to fly, they have to take precautions prior to taking off. Not just safety precautions, but health precautions as well. If they don't meet physical requirements, they can't fly. This is where the flight medicine clinic comes in. Flight medicine is responsible for about 2,700 patients assigned to Randolph, half of which are active duty members on flying status. Along with the steady stream of aviators, the flight medicine clinic sees patients who are on special operational duty status, firefighters and squadron personnel, along with their family members who are 12 years of age and older. "We see patients for a variety of health concerns, such as allergies, high blood pressure, flu and even cancer," said Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson, aerospace medicine flight commander. "But our priority is to



Maj. (Dr.) Keith Hunsaker examines a patient at the flight medicine clinic. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)

keep our flyers healthy and on flying status." With five physicians, two nurses and eight technicians, the care provided ranges from routine physicals to sick call. "Safety of Randolph's aircrew is our number one concern," said Colonel Jackson. "If they cannot fly we have to put them on a no-fly status. We check the flyer again in a couple of days to see if they can be cleared to fly." The physicians, all trained as flight surgeons, maintain the Air Force's most valuable asset, its people, and they evaluate how and why it fails, said Colonel Jackson.

"The flight surgeons are human weapon system experts," said the colonel. They multi-task, seeing patients, inspecting mechanical shops for ergonomic and occupational hazards, inspecting food facilities for public health problems, and evaluating the air traffic control towers and the life support shops for facility problems that could affect aircrew.

Besides taking care of the aircrew members before they fly, flight medicine also responds to emergency calls should an accident occur involving one of the base's aircraft. They are part of the Primary Response Team on Randolph. "Flight medicine technicians are also trained as emergency medical technicians, providing flightline coverage with an ambulance, in the unfortunate event of an accident," said Colonel Jackson.

The fire department is the first to go out to the crash site, and once they clear it, flight medicine goes out to determine if treatment is needed, said Colonel Jackson. If an aircraft mishap does occur, the flight surgeon is part of the investigation team and is responsible for determining if there were any human factors behind the mishap. Maj. (Dr.) Keith Hunsaker, flight medicine clinic chief, has participated in three safety investigation boards, and each of the incidents included human



Senior Airman Sharon Henzen, kneeling, and Airman 1st Class Jerrica Martinez organize the supplies in the ambulance located outside the flight medicine clinic. The flight medicine staff responds to a base aircraft accident if they are needed.

factors in the chain of events leading to the accident. "Sometimes people tell me that an incident is an easy one to figure out and that it is either mechanical or human error," said Major Hunsaker. "It is never that easy. Every mechanic or aviator has other people who affect the decisions they make." "Flight surgeons inspect all aspects of the base and its organizations that can affect our aircrew," said Major Hunsaker. "Flight medicine is a demanding but challenging way to serve the country."

Randolph car show draws 'wheel' crowd

By Jennifer Valentin
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About 1,500 spectators attended Randolph's 7th Annual Open Car Show Sunday. "The car show was a huge success," said Sharon



Spectators look at one of the many cars on display Sunday at the base car show. (Photos by Harry Williams)

Rector, community support flight program manager. "Besides modern cars, the antique cars and trucks reminded visitors of old time drive-ins and cruise strips." A total of 100 cars entered the car show contest, said Ms. Rector. There was a variety of categories for the judges to choose from, and for the spectators to look at, including sports car, motorcycle, custom truck, 4x4 trucks, and many more. Trophies were handed out in 28 different categories. Three cars took the top three awards of the day, in the categories of Commander's Choice, Participant's Choice and Best in Show. Donald Smith took the Commander's Choice award with his 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS; Karen James took the Participant's Choice award with her 1965 Ford Mustang; and Daniel Cooper took the Best in Show award with his 1998 Pontiac Trans Am. "The car show had a great turnout of both visitors and contest participants," said Ms. Rector. "There was something for everyone."



A 1956 Ford Thunderbird drew many admirers at this year's car show.

The car show was supported by sponsors Jack's Paint Place, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and Eisenhower National Bank.

Heart Link program connects spouses

By Jennifer Valentin
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Military spouses who just arrived at Randolph from another base or who are new to the military altogether have the opportunity to attend a family support center sponsored seminar, Heart Link, to help make their transitions a little easier.

Heart Link is scheduled for May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spouses who attend the seminar are treated to breakfast and lunch, and given the chance to win prizes.

"The objective of the seminar is to enhance mission readiness by strengthening military families," said Melissa Wolford, family support center consultant intern.

"Air Force spouses are the heart of

the Air Force team, and we realize that moving to a new base is stressful. Heart Link provides an opportunity for spouses to interact with one another and build a network of friendships, in addition to learning valuable information from various agencies on base," said Ms. Wolford

The seminar is designed to provide valuable information about the military and Randolph through fun-filled interactive games, informational tables and short presentations from organizations such as the clinic, TRICARE and finance offices.

"The presentations are designed to familiarize the spouses with what the base has to offer," said Chris Morrow, community readiness consultant.

For more information on Heart Link, call 652-5321. The deadline to sign up is May 12.

Washing the grime



David Ince, library manager, cleans the library's exterior during last year's I Love Randolph Week. The 9th Annual I Love Randolph Week observance is April 25-29. I Love Randolph Week is a five-day clean-up and beautification program sponsored by the 12th Civil Engineer Division. The event focuses on units and individuals helping to make Randolph a better place to work and live. For more information, call Frank Speed at 652-4212 or Leon Spradling at 652-2401. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Airmen's course introduces life in blue

By Jennifer Valentin
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It begins with basic training and will continue throughout their Air Force career. Hours of training and education are used to develop today's Airman into a war-fighting machine. But, after the fear of basic has subsided and before their career takes off, Randolph Airman take one course that gives them what they need to be prepared for what lies ahead.

The First Term Airmen Center is designed to transition a first duty station Airman from the environment of basic training to a mission-oriented environment.

"FTAC provides a means of in-processing Airmen with a solid foundation of base and additional training programs and briefings, in order to prepare them to become mission ready in a limited amount of time," said Tech. Sgt. Janet Awaldt, NCO in charge of FTAC.

Even though the mandatory course is only 10 days long, it provides Airmen with foundational tools that can help to make their military career successful, said Sergeant Awaldt.

FTAC educates Airmen on a variety of subjects, such as safety, finance, sexual assault awareness, medical processing, education benefits and voting assistance.

The Airmen learn a lot while in the course, and are briefed on a variety of organizations and resources they can use in the future, on and off base. Some of those include car-buying seminars, a tour of the health and wellness center, orientation on the fitness

center, chapel program briefings, American Red Cross information, services organizations available to them and a tour of the dining facility.

During the course, the Airmen volunteer one hour of their time helping out at the Airmen's Attic in the relocation assistance center.

Once the Airmen have completed the FTAC course, they go to their respective units to begin doing what they were trained to do, said Sergeant Awaldt.

"FTAC is convenient for incoming Airmen because it gives them the chance to in-process without having to go to and from their work centers," said the sergeant. "They can do it all at one time."

"The Airmen have the opportunity to make friends with others from different units who they may have never met otherwise," said Sergeant Awaldt. "This is especially beneficial to Airmen who are far away from their home and family."

The Airmen who attend the course get a first-hand look at what the base offers, from services such as the dorm council to recreational opportunities such as the information, tickets and travel office.

While in FTAC, Airmen enjoy free meals, trips to the base bowling center and a tour of the base.

"We try to promote the base activities and services as a way for the Airmen to get to know each other better," said the sergeant. "We encourage this by making activities such as meals and bowling available to them."

"I receive so much positive feedback from Airmen who attend the program," said Sergeant Awaldt. "They appreciate the friendships they've made and the information they have learned about the base."



Tech. Sgt. Janet Awaldt, First Term Airmen Center NCO in charge, briefs students in FTAC about the base. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)



Marcus Samuelson, base fitness center recreation aide, teaches Sherry Mullins how to properly do a bicep curl with a hand weight. (Photos by Steve White)

Randolph’s fitness center focuses on keeping Airmen “Fit to Fight”



Brittany Garner, recreation aide, provides information about the fitness center to a customer on the phone, while handing out equipment at the front desk.



They are an intricate part of the daily maintenance and operation of the base fitness center. The recreation aides have a variety of responsibilities that are necessary to keep the gym functioning. They don't just hand out towels, but they answer customer questions, clean all the equipment, set-up and tear down for athletic events and teach customers how to properly use equipment.



Gladys Rosario, recreation aide, wipes off a stationery bike located upstairs in the fitness center cardio room.



Marlin Richardson, facility manager, coordinates the work schedules for all the recreation aides.